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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 1-6 are as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A hand and forearm protector comprising:

- a sleeve for overlying a forearm and a proximal hand portion of a wearer;
- a primary opening at one end of the sleeve;
- a single discrete digit opening disposed at another end of the sleeve wherein all of
 - the wearer's fingers extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve extends to a
 - point adjacent a first set of knuckles of the wearer's fingers, leaving the
 - knuckles exposed;
- a discrete thumb opening disposed at another end of the sleeve;
- a longitudinal opening along the sleeve extending adjacent from a point that overlies a juncture of the carpal bones and the radius and extending rearwardly towards the primary opening to proximately the end of the sleeve; and
- a zipper for closing the longitudinal opening to conform the sleeve to the forearm of the wearer, the closure being disposed to overlie a forward side of the forearm.

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